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FOR AMBASSADOR AND AGATT

E.O. 11652: DECONTROL UPON EXCHANGE OF NOTES

TAGS: EAGR, EAID, SY

SUBJECT: FY 1978 TITLE I AGREEMENT

REF: DAMASCUS 4147

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL REQUEST THROUGH THE
SYRIAN EMBASSY FROM THE SYRIAN PURCHASING AND SHIPPING
TEAM VISITING WASHINGTON TO SWITCH UNAUTHORIZED WHEAT
FLOUR FUNDS UNDER THE PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH
GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA ON MAY 3, 1978 TO RICE, IN ORDER TO
PERMIT THE SARG TO PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL 20,000 MT OF
RICE TO FULFILL A SHORTFALL CREATED BY THE CANCELLATION
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OF EGYPTIAN CONTRACT.

2. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD REDUCE THE EXPORT MARKET
VALUE OF WHEAT FLOUR FROM DOLS 7.5 MILLION TO DOLS 1.3
MILLION AND INCREASE THE VALUE OF RICE FROM DOLS 6.5
MILLION TO DOLS 12.7 MILLION. THE TOTAL EXPORT MARKET
VALUE OF THE TITLE I AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED, WOULD NOT RPT

NOT CHANGE FROM THE DOLS 14.0 MILLION. THUS THE SARG
WOULD BE ABLE TO PURCHASE AND SHIP A TOTAL OF 35,000 MT
OF RICE IN THE FY 1978. IN ADDITION, THE SYRIAN EMBASSY
IS PROVIDING USDA WITH A LETTER OF INTENT TO FULFILL THE
USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENT OF 34,000 MT OF COMMERCIAL RICE

FROM ELIGIBLE SOURCES.

3. FOLLOWING TEXT NOTE TO BE EXCHANGED WITH THE GOVERNMENT
OF SYRIA (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

BEGIN TEXT NOTE:

EXCELLENCY, HAVE HONOR REFER TO PL 480 TITLE I AGRICUL-
TURAL SALES AGREEMENT SIGNED BY REPS OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS
ON MAY 3, 1978, AND PROPOSE AGREEMENT BE FURTHER AMENDED
AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IN PART II - ITEM I - COMMODITY TABLE -- UNDER
APPROPRIATE COLUMNS (1) FOR WHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR DELETE
QUOTE 35,000 MT AND DOLS 7.5 MILLION UNQUOTE AND INSERT
QUOTE 74,000 MT AND DOLS 1.3 MILLION UNQUOTE AND

(B) FOR RICE DELETE QUOTE 15,000 MT AND DOLS 6.5 MILLION
UNQUOTE AND INSERT QUOTE 35,000 MT AND DOLS 12.7 MILLION
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(C) UNDER MAXIMUM EXPORT MARKET VALUE OF THE LINE DESIG-
NATED AS TOTAL REMAINS UNCHANGED AT QUOTE DOLS 14.0
MILLION UNQUOTE. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE
MAY 3, 1978 TITLE I AGREEMENT REMAIN THE SAME. PROPOSE
THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY CONCURRING THEREIN CONSTITUTE
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTIVE DATE
YOUR NOTE AND REPLY.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, ETC. END TEXT NOTE.

4. (A) IF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT ACCEPTABLE TO SARG WITH-
OUT CHANGE, THE REQUIREMENT TO NOTIFY WASHINGTON 72 HOURS
IN ADVANCE OF SIGNING DATE, EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS AND
WEEKENDS IS WAIVED. IMMEDIATELY AFTER NOTES ARE
EXCHANGED, NOTIFY WASHINGTON BY IMMEDIATE UNCLASSIFIED
CABLE, TAGS: EAGR EAID AND SY, AND FORWARD DOCUMENTS PER
11 FAM 723.7.

(B) YOU ARE REQUESTED TO EXCHANGE NOTES IMMEDIATELY WITH
THE SARG, PREFERABLY TUESDAY, JULY 2;
IN ORDER TO PERMIT SARG TEAM TO PURCHASE RIGHTS ON

JULY 27 OR 28. WE INTEND TO WAIVE PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION
WAITING PERIOD IN AN EFFORT TO EXPEDITE SALES.

5. THE SYRIAN TEAM IN WASHINGTON IS AWARE OF THE PRO-
POSED AMENDMENT AND AWAITING EARLIEST REPLY. VANCE

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